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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : )  
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Piero Salvati )  
Filed Concurrently Herewith On February 15, 2001 )

For: **A SHEET AND PRODUCT BASED ON  
FOAMED SHAPED STARCH**

New York, New York  
February 15, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims

Please amend Claims 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 38, 39  
and 40 as follows:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of claims 1 to 4" to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of claims 1 to 7" to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of claims 1 to 8" to --according  
to claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "according claims 9" to --according to claim 9--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of claims from 1 to 11" to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 17" to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 19" to --according to claim 1. --

Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 20" to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 22, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 21" to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 23, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 22" to --according to claim 1--.

Claim 24, line 2, change "Claims 1 to 23" to --claim 1--.

Claim 27, line 2, change "Claims from 1 to 23" to --claim 1--;

Claim 29, lines 1 and 2, change "according to Claims 26 and 28" to --according to claim 26--.

Claim 31, line 1, change "according to Claim 26 or Claim 28" to --according to claim 26--.

Claim 32, line 2, change "Claims 1 to 23" to --claim 1--.

Claim 38, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of Claims from 1 to 32" to

--according to claim 1--.

Claim 39, lines 1 and 2, change "according to any of the Claims 1-32" to

--according to claim 1--.

Claim 40, line 1, change "according to Claims 1 to 32" to --according to

claim 1--.

**Remarks**

Claims 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 38, 39 and 40 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and thereby minimize claim fees.

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6. The amendment to the claims filed on 2/15/2001 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because Applicants fail to provide both a clean copy of an amended claim and a marked up version of the amended claim.\*\*\*. Amendments to the claims filed after March 1, 2001 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) which states:

(c) Claims.

(1) Amendment by rewriting, directions to cancel or add: Amendments to a claim must be made by rewriting such claim with all changes (e.g., additions, deletions, modifications) included. The rewriting of a claim (with the same number) will be construed as directing the cancellation of the previous version of that claim. A claim may also be canceled by an instruction.

(i) A rewritten or newly added claim must be in clean form, that is, without markings to indicate the changes that have been made. A parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added (e.g., "amended," "twice amended," or "new").

(ii) If a claim is amended by rewriting such claim with the same number, the amendment must be accompanied by another version of the rewritten claim, on one or more pages separate from the amendment, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that claim. A parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim, e.g., "amended," "twice amended," etc. The parenthetical expression "amended," "twice amended," etc. should be the same for both the clean version of the claim under paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section and the marked up version under this paragraph. The changes may be shown by brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter), or by any equivalent marking system. A marked up version does not have to be supplied for an added claim or a canceled claim as it is sufficient to state that a particular claim has been added, or canceled.

(2) A claim canceled by amendment (deleted in its entirety) may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number.

Since the reply filed on \*\*\* appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).